

## House Resolution No. 2381

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State churches that have proven down through the years to be exemplary components of local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their spiritual endeavors; and

**Whereas**, New Haven Baptist Church has been "Building on the Solid Foundation" for sixty years since its inception on March 10, 1948, after a group of 112 persons began meeting in 1947 in a rented hall at 27th and Prospect under the leadership of A.C. Chism; and

**Whereas**, New Haven Baptist Church has been guided by a series of pastors, including the Reverend Marvin Hilton for thirty-nine years beginning in 1955, the Reverend Jeff Funderburk beginning in October 1994, the Reverend Mike Kanai beginning in August 2000, and the current pastor, John Edwards, beginning in August 2006; and

**Whereas**, originally housed in an old renovated cabinet factory on Prospect, New Haven Baptist Church moved to 55th and Blue Ridge Cutoff in 1958; and

**Whereas**, since moving to its current location, New Haven Baptist Church has engaged in a series of expansion and renovations of its facilities and constantly has added new programs to meet the needs of its members and neighbors; and

**Whereas**, during the stewardship of Pastor John Edwards, Full Faith Christian Center and New Haven Baptist Church merged to become a truly multicultural and diverse institution; and

**Whereas**, New Haven Baptist Church is home to a Women's Missionary Union, a Brotherhood, GAS and RAS, the Women's Haven, a Banner Ministry, the Burning Bush Latino church, Jirch House food pantry and clothes closet, a Women to Women group, the Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway program, the musical Gospel at the Haven, Freedom School, Girl Scouts, and the Kansas City Boys and Girls Choirs, among others:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with New Haven Baptist Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Sixtieth Anniversary of the founding of their esteemed religious institution; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of New Haven Baptist Church of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Shalonn "Kiki" Curls  
District No. 41

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Representative Leonard (Jonas) Hughes, IV  
District No. 42

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2381, adopted April 29, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker